Handing over the Surplus Kandla Land

2098. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have taken a decision for handing over the surplus lands of Kandla area back to the State Government of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when will the land be transferred back to the State Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) No. Sir.

(c) At this stage, there is no proposal to transfer any land of Kandla Port Trust to the State Government of Gujarat.

Volume of Traffic Handled by Major Ports

2099. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the traffic volume handled at present by the Major ports in India;

(b) the likely traffic growth by 2011; and

(c) the planning made to handle the entire traffic volume with more modernised ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The aggregate volume of traffic handled by Major Ports during the first eight months of the current financial year was 177.68 million tonnes.

(b) The working Group for the 9th Five Year Plan has estimated port traffic of 424 million tonnes by the end of 9th Five Year Plan i.e. 2001-02. For Long term projection of port traffic upto the year 2020, a study has been recently completed by M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services (P) Ltd. (RITES); according to which